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Serial No. 09/611,717	Filing Date July 6, 2000	Examiner D. Heckenberg Jr.	Group Art Unit 1722
Inventor(s) Kimihiko Kukuchi et al.			
Title of Invention PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER END FACE TREATMENT METHOD AND TREATMENT DEVICE			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (6pp.); and PTO Reply Postcard.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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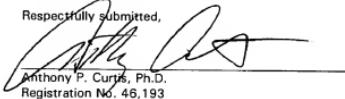
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Respectfully submitted,



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In re Application of:)
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.